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MEMORANDUM TO MR. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel

From:   Howard P. Willens

Re:     Mark Lane

        During the course of my discussion this morning with
Mr. Malley of the FBI he brought up the matter of your interest
in having coverage at the lectures given by Mark Lane before
various meetings.  Mr. Malley pointed out that the FBI is not
currently covering Mr. Lane on a day-to-day basis.  The FBI
does know however that Mark Lane does attend small meetings
of approximately 30 or 35 people which are not publicly
announced.  If these meetings are not publicly announced
the FBI cannot get actual recordings of the presentations
made by Mr. Lane.

        After our discussion Mr. Malley agreed that he would
write a letter to you setting forth what coverage the FBI can
provide of Mark Lane's activities under their current procedures.
At that point if the Commission desires fuller coverage we will
have to make some specific request to that effect to the FBI.
I think that we will want to consider very carefully the
problem inherent in requesting fuller coverage of Mr. Lane
which might require placing him under full surveillance by
the FBI.  Such a procedure would inform us as to his location,
give us some indication of all meetings which he attended, but
would still not enable us to obtain recordings or knowledge of
the substance of his presentations at the meetings which are
not open to the general public.